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UNITED STATES CONVERSION UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

FOR

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AND LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY COMPLIANCE IN THE JOINING OF
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5 REFERENCE TO PENDING APPLICATIONS

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This application is based on United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/195,932
entitled, "System for Ensuring Department of Transportation and Local Distribution Company
Compliance in the Joining of Polyethylene Pipes and Fittings", filed 10 April 10, 2000. This and
the corresponding provisional application are not related to any other pending United States or
10 international patent application.

Reference to Microfiche Appendix

This application is not referenced in any Microfiche Appendix.

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

15 The present invention relates to a multifunction system that provides: (1) local
distribution company tailored ~~Department of Transportation compliance~~ instructions for
performing the joining of polyethylene pipes and fittings identified covered tasks; (2) ~~computer~~
~~controlled electro-fusion operations~~ training programs for teaching operators to correctly perform
covered tasks; (3) ~~operator training and qualification~~ testing and evaluation programs to
20 determine the qualification of operators to perform covered tasks and (4) detailed records of
performed tasks.

2. Description of the Prior Art

Mechanical, heat fused (conventional/electric heat weldable) fittings formed of
thermoplastic material have been in commercial use for many years. The most recent are electro-